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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will incur costs of at least $6.35 to produce each "Purple Heart" license plate obtained under the bill. That cost will be offset by the collection of the $10 BMV administrative fee that is charged under existing law when a specialty license plate is issued or renewed.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on any of the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill allows the surviving spouse of a deceased Purple Heart recipient to retain or obtain a "Purple Heart" license plate if the spouse has not remarried and if the deceased person was issued or was eligible to receive the "Purple Heart" license plate. Under continuing law and practice, "Purple Heart" license plates are issued without payment of any registration taxes or fees by Purple Heart recipients.[1] Under the bill, the spouse of a deceased Purple Heart recipient must provide specified documentation and pay the regular registration taxes and fees, including any applicable motor vehicle license taxes in order to retain or obtain the "Purple Heart" license plate.

Specialty license plates are produced by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) via a digital print-on-demand process at a cost of $6.35 for a single license plate, or $7.70 for a pair.[2] These costs will be offset by the collection of the $10 BMV administrative fee which is paid at the initial

[1] R.C. 4503.571.

[2] Under current law, a person registering a motor vehicle may elect to purchase a single license plate or a set of two plates.

issuance of the license plate and for each subsequent renewal and credited to the Public Safety – Highway Purposes Fund (Fund 5TM0), which is used in part to pay the BMV's expenses related to titling motor vehicles, licensing drivers, and registering motor vehicles.

The magnitude of any impact on the BMV with respect to costs incurred or revenue generated will depend on the number of surviving spouses of Purple Heart recipients who choose to obtain or retain a "Purple Heart" license plate.

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